

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE CITY OF NAPA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Napa in celebration of the city's 150th anniversary of its incorporation and its 175th anniversary of the town's founding.

The City of Napa was founded in 1847 by Nathan Combs and Nicolas Higuera. On March 23, 1872, the settlement was first incorporated as the town of Napa. Two years later, it was reincorporated as the City of Napa.

The city originated as an important freight and trading post, and it began to flourish after the arrival of river ferries on the Napa River and the Napa County Railroad in 1860. Although its early history is comprised of hostility, intolerance and discrimination, today, the City of Napa prides itself as a multi-cultural hub for families of diverse backgrounds, including indigenous peoples; Californians of Spanish descent, Chinese immigrants, and more.

The City of Napa has a population of just under 80,000. Much of Napa's growth and prosperity can be attributed to its industrial businesses, including the famous Sawyer Tannery; founded in 1869, the Basalt Rock Com-

pany; founded around 1920, and Kaiser Steel; founded around 1940. As the heart of Napa County, the City of Napa has over 500 dedicated employees who provide a variety of municipal services, including police, fire, utilities, public works, and parks and recreation.

Every year the city attracts approximately 3.85 million visitors who experience Napa's internationally renowned food and wine culture. Both tourists and residents attend annual events hosted by the City of Napa, including, but not limited to, the Napa Lighted Art Festival, BottleRock Music Festival, and the annual 4th of July Celebration.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that the City of Napa is home to a culturally rich, diverse, and vibrant community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the city and its residents here today.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF EID AL-ADHA AND WISHING MUSLIM AMERI- CANS AND MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD A PROSPEROUS HOLIDAY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

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Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to

introduce legislation to recognize Eid al-Adha and wish Muslims around the world an Eid Mubarak.

I am honored to partner with my colleague, Rep. DEBBIE DINGELL to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Adha is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.8 million Muslims globally. This resolution helps highlight the significance of this Islamic holiday and to recognize the contributions of Muslims across the world. American Muslims are part of every industry and space in the United States since the founding of our country.

Eid al-Adha commemorates Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as referenced in the Quran, Old Testament, and New Testament. The holiday is a three-day celebration filled with prayers, charity, and the annual pilgrimage, for those who are able. I congratulate the 1 million Muslims that participated in the annual pilgrimage, Hajj, this year. May God bless them, always.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Eid al-Adha and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous holiday by signing on to this important legislation.